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## The CANADIAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

convention in Moncton, New Brunswick is drawing closer and people planning on attending should soon be making your plans. To help you, information is enclosed in this bulletin. On pages seven and eight you will find a schedule of events and a registration form along with other information. This is always a wonderful numismatic event and once again will result in many new issues of wooden

money. Please note that the CAWMC breakfast meeting will be held on **Sunday July 27th at 8:00 o'clock a.m.** at a cost of \$12.00 Canadian. I hope to see you there.

## C.N.A.'97 CONVENTION MONCTON, JULY 23-27

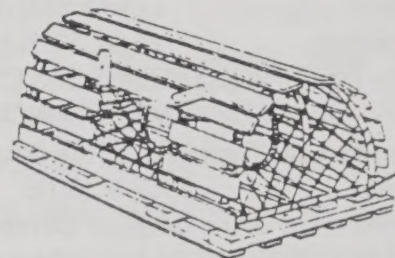
- FABULOUS NIGHT WITH THE ROYAL CANADIAN MINT
- NIGHT AT COCAGNE FOR LOBSTER AND FUN
- DAY TOURS OF SCENIC AND WILD NEW BRUNSWICK
- LARGEST BOURSE IN CANADA
- DISPLAYS OF UNBELIEVABLE NUMISMATIC MATERIAL

DISPLAY INFO?

BOURSE INFO?

MONCTON COIN CLUB  
P.O. BOX 54  
MONCTON, N.B.  
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- CATCH THE BIG ONE



## SEND IN BALLOTS:

The ballots to elect our six Governors for 1997 to 1999 are coming in nicely. It is good to hear from so many of our members. Please keep them coming. Results will be announced at our breakfast meeting (above) on July 27, 1997.

## NEW ADDRESS:

Bob Savoy  
643 Beaverbrook Road  
Miramichi, New Brunswick,  
Canada. E1V 4R4



## NORM BELSTEN MADE A "FELLOW OF THE O.N.A."

At the recent O.N.A. convention held in Windsor, Ontario, CAWMC member Norm Belsten received the award "Fellow of the O.N.A." This award recognizes outstanding service to numismatics in an individual's local area. The award includes work with numismatic clubs and the promotion of numismatics. Norm certainly has earned this award as these following accomplishments attest. He has been involved with coin collecting since 1964 and with wooden money since 1969. He is a 1975 charter member of CAWMC. Norm has served as president of CAWMC for six years and the past four years as governor. He is the chairman and a 1981 founding member of the 'Southern Ontario Chapter' of CAWMC. Norm is active in several local coin clubs and was the general chairman of the 1996 O.N.A. convention when it was hosted by the Southern Ont. Chapter of CAWMC. Norm has displayed, catalogued and researched Wooden Money for several years and currently carries out the mammoth task of keeping our CAWMC catalogue up to date. Norm received a framed "Fellow of the O.N.A." award and an engraved bronze medal. Congratulations, Norm.

### CAWMC OFFICERS

President: LOU VESH  
 Vice President: ALBERT KASMAN  
 Secretary-Treasurer and Membership Chairman: AL MUNRO  
 Past President and Chairman of the Board of Governors: PAT WHITE  
 Elected Members of the Board of Governors:  
 NORM BELSTEN, RUSS BROWN,  
 DAVE GILLESPIE, DON ROBB,  
 BARRY UMAN, BASIL LATHAM.

### APPOINTED OFFICERS

Editor: ROSS KINGDON  
 Fund Raiser: GARRY BRAUNWARTH  
 Auction Coordinator: AL MUNRO

DUES: Membership dues in the Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors is:

Canadian Residents- \$10.00 Canadian funds  
 United States Residents- \$10.00 U.S. funds  
 International Members Rate (outside Can. & U.S.)-  
     \$20.00 Canadian funds  
 Youth (16 years of age and under)- \$5.00  
 Dues paid to Mr. Al Munro Box 2643 Stn. 'M'  
     Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2P 3C1

### FREE WOOD OF THE MONTH



Our free wood for the month comes from Calgary, Alberta. As you can see it is good for "\$10.00 Off A First Jump" at 'Calgary Skydive'. The wood was sent to me by our current secretary-treasurer and membership chairman, 'Digger' Al Munro also of Calgary. Al didn't indicate whether he had taken advantage of the 'wood' to try *his* first skydive. The wood is black on both sides. Thank you Al, for this donation to our membership.





## BIRDS OF MY GARDEN..... by Lou Vash

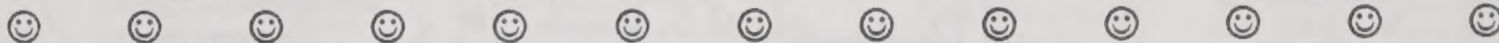
As each year passes, more and more different species of birds make their presence known around our yard, feeders, and garden, albeit sometimes very briefly.

This year's choices for the "Birds of My Garden Series" are a couple of old reliables that have been bringing us summer-long amusement ever since we landed here. The Hummingbird is the Ruby Throated variety. That portion of the name was omitted on the wood because of the obvious limitations of space. The other is the familiar Red Winged Blackbird.

Both are "summer time" birds, and are No's 9 and 10 in the chronological order of the series. The reverse side is not shown here as it is a constant, being the same as previous years. Completion target date is early July, so as to be available in time for the C.N.A. show in Moncton.



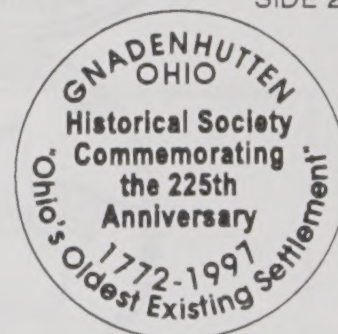
*Some notes on the making of the wooden nickels in the series:* I usually try not to select two difficult birds in the same year. By "difficult" I mean birds that require extensive hand painting. I also usually hot stamp the image in the predominant colour of the bird, like black for the Red Winged Blackbird, then add the minor colour by brush. This, however, is not always the case. Last year's Cardinal is an example of the exception to the rule. Also, the name is on the same die as the bird, hence, it is the same colour on the stamping. The hummingbird is a good example of this. Since the bird was stamped with metallic green to imitate it's shimmering colour, so is the printing in the same green.



### ISSUE ANNOUNCEMENT

by Communicate It Ink, Co.  
(800) 750-8701

2,500 Wooden Nickels (1.5") were printed both sides maroon ink with indian "Joshua" in brown. Token commemorates 225 years of Ohio's oldest existing settlement. To obtain nickel, contact: Gnadenhutzen Historical Society, 142 S. Cherry St. Gnadenhutzen, OH 44629. 614-254-4756





## NEW CHURCH WOOD FROM SASKATOON *by Herb Bieber*

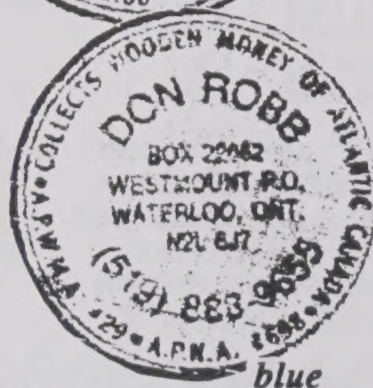
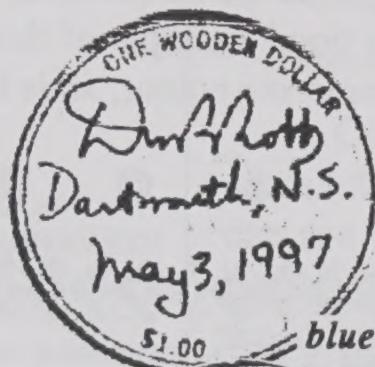
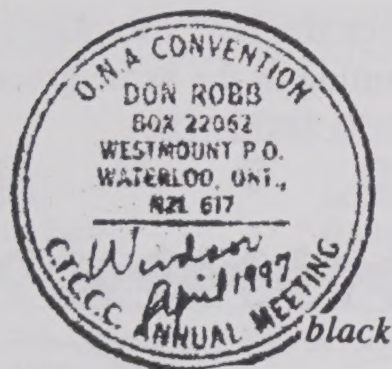
*St. Paul's Lutheran Church* in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan has issued a wood to commemorate its 90th anniversary on June 28th 1997. The obverse has the church logo in the center with "Walking With God" at the top and "Yesterday Today Tomorrow" at the bottom. The reverse has 90th Anniversary 1907 - 1997 in the center with *St. Paul's Lutheran Church* at the top and Saskatoon, SK at the bottom. Six hundred (600) of these woods were printed in dark blue both sides. Twenty-five (25) others were printed on the obverse side only and these will have a small magnet attached to the blank side to be used as fridge magnets etc. for special use.



These woods were made by CAWMC member Norm Belsten and a copy of both sides is shown here.

The woods are available for \$.75 each plus a SASE or 3 for \$2.00 plus SASE or seven for \$5.00 postpaid. Contact **Herb Bieber** 2205 Clarence Ave. Saskatoon, Sask. S7J 1L6. I also have some of the Saskatoon Coin Club's 35th anniversary woods available for the same price.

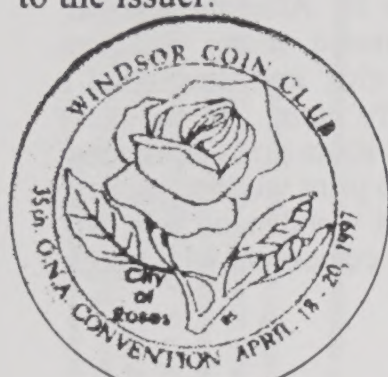
Shown here are the latest three personal woods issued by CAWMC member **Don Robb** of Waterloo Ontario. They were issued for and distributed at each of the *Windsor ONA convention*, the *APNA convention* in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, and the *Waterloo Coin Society Banquet*. Don informs me that he has no more available for distribution.





# MORE O.N.A. CONVENTION WOODS:

All the remaining woods from the recent Windsor ONA convention, that I, your editor, received are shown in this month's newsletter. All woods on this page, you will note, have the same "Rose" obverse. There were two woods issued by Jerry Remick, each a different colour. The colours are shown beside each wood with the "Rose" obverse colour on the left. All of these woods were made by Canada Wide Woods of Stratford, Ontario and could, I assume, be obtained with a SASE to the issuer.



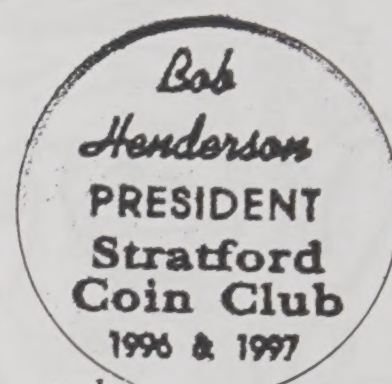
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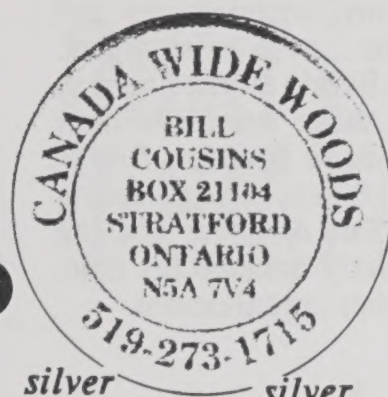
red blue



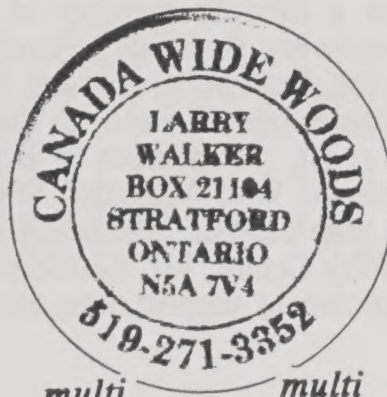
purple gold



red green



silver silver



multi multi



yellow black



red blue



red black



yellow lt. blue



green lt. blue



red lt. blue

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DAIRY QUEEN'S &amp; SAMBO'S WANTED

black

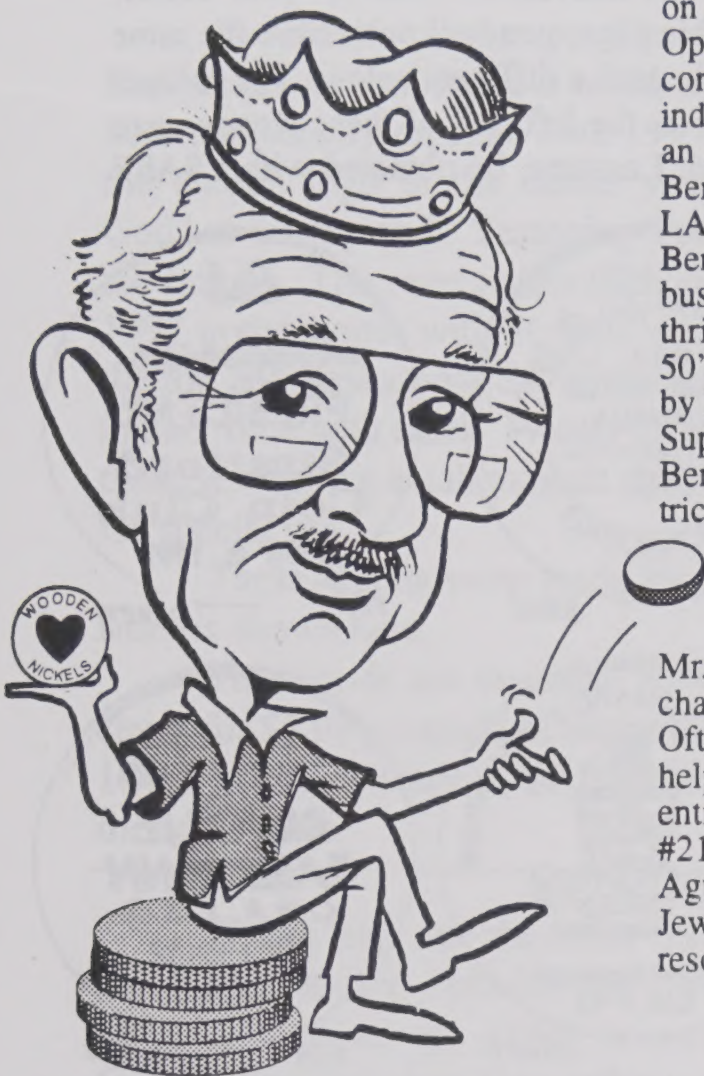


red



## OBITUARY

Louis Berkie (Berkowitz), born May 25th 1912, entered into rest on April 16th at 3:05 am, at the age of 84. Mr. Berkie had been the Operator and Founder of the oldest wooden nickel manufacturing company (ELBEE CO.) in the United States. Known in the industry as "The King Of Wooden Nickels," Mr. Berkie produced an estimated 206,000,000 wooden tokens during his lifetime. Mr. Berkie was born in Dallas, Texas, and grew up in New Orleans, LA. until he entered the Army in World War II. After the war Mr. Berkie settled in San Antonio and operated many different businesses in several locations within the city, and developed a thriving retail business in magic and novelty items. In the early 50's, Mr. Berkie purchased and had modified some press equipment by Munghia Printing Company, and began to print wooden nickels. Supplying customers around the world with wooden nickels, Mr. Berkie also entertained tens of thousands of customers with magic tricks and novelty gag items.



Mr. Berkie was a lifetime member of many organizations and charities, and was very generous to everyone... even to strangers. Often found giving street people money, Mr. Berkie worked hard to help less fortunate people, and to help those establish their entrepreneurial spirit. A member of B'nai Brith Brandeis Lodge #2176, the Jewish War Veterans Organization, Congregation Agudas Achim, the Jewish Federation of San Antonio, and the Jewish Community Center, Mr. Berkie regularly donated his time, resources, and money to support these and other organizations.

Mr. Berkie was also a strong supporter, contributor, and lifetime member of the Texas Association of Magicians, International Organization of Wooden Money Collectors, Penn-Ohio Wooden Money Traders, Dedicated Wooden Money Collectors, and the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce.

It is hard to sum up a man in a few words or paragraphs, especially a man as kind, as interesting, and as vibrant as was Mr. Berkie. However the first word that most people think of when they remember Mr. Berkie, was GIVING.

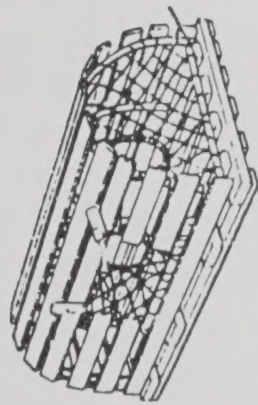
In accordance with Mr. Berkie's wishes, no funeral or service was scheduled, and in lieu of flowers or cards, well-wishers are encouraged to make a small donation in name of Mr. Berkie, to the Hebrew Free Loan (210-732-5387). so others may again benefit from Mr. Berkie.

Mr. Berkie had no surviving relatives. Mr. Berkie was survived by tens of thousands of smiling children who he had dazzled and amazed over the years, and hundreds of less fortunate people who directly benefited by his kindness and generosity. To summarize Mr. Berkie's life, Mr. Berkie had a commemorative wooden nickel made with the words... "It's Been Magic."





C.N.A.'97

CONVENTION  
MONCTONJULY 23-27, 1997  
CATCH THE BIG ONE

10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Preview of auction lots  
 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Spouses Fundy Tour ( Highfield Door )  
 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. C.P.M.S. Luncheon and General Meeting ( Executive )  
 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. A.P.N.A. Hospitality Suite ( Lobby )  
 1:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Auction Session # 3 ( Fundy )  
 5:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Buses Leave For Cocagne Lobster Party  
 9:30 p.m.-11:00 p.m. Buses Return From Cocagne

## SATURDAY, JULY 26

8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. C.N.A. Club Delegate's Breakfast ( Executive )  
 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. C.N.R.S. Breakfast Meeting ( Room 902 )  
 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Registration ( Lobby )  
 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Bourse and Display Open to All  
 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Preview of auction lots  
 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. C.N.A. General Meeting ( Executive )  
 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. C.T.C.C.C. Meeting ( Room 902 )  
 11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. C.N.A. Display Awards Presentation ( Executive )  
 12:00 p.m.-1:45 p.m. Canadian Association of Token Collectors ( Executive )  
 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. A.P.N.A. Hospitality Suite ( Lobby )  
 1:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Auction Session # 4  
 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. C.N.A. / N.E.S.A. Educational Forum ( Executive )  
 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. A.P.N.A. General Meeting ( Room 902 )  
 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Pre-Banquet Reception ( Fundy )  
 7:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m. C.N.A. Banquet ( Fundy )  
 9:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m. Farewell Reception ( Executive )

## SUNDAY, JULY 27

8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. C.A.W.M.C. Breakfast Meeting ( Executive )  
 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. C.N.A. Executive Meeting ( Room 902 )

PLEASE RETURN YOUR HOTEL RESERVATION  
AND REGISTRATION FORM TO:

1997 C.N.A. CONVENTION

P.O. BOX 54

MONCTON, N.B. E1C 8R9

CONVENTION HOTLINE

(10:00 am - 5:00 pm Atlantic Time Weekdays)

Phone/Fax 1-506-857-9403

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Registration ( Lobby )  
 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. C.N.A. Executive Meeting ( Executive )  
 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. A.P.N.A. Hospitality Suite ( Lobby )  
 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Bourse and Display Setup  
 6:30 p.m. Past President's Dinner ( Executive )

## THURSDAY, JULY 24

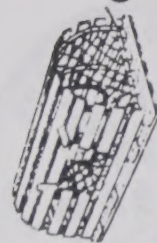
8:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m. Judges Breakfast ( Room 902 )  
 8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. Bourse and Display Setup  
 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Registration ( Lobby )  
 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Registrant's Preview of Bourse and Display  
 9:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m. Spouses Welcome Coffee Party ( Executive )  
 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. City Bus Tour ( Highfield Door )  
 10:00 a.m.-10:05 a.m. Official Opening ( Lobby )  
 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Preview of auction lots  
 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Bourse and Display Open to All  
 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. C.P.M.S. Executive Meeting ( Room 902 )  
 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Auction Session # 1 ( Fundy )

11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Spouses Seaside Tour ( Highfield Door )  
 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. A.P.N.A. Hospitality Suite ( Lobby )  
 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Classical & Medieval Numismatic Society ( Executive )  
 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Auction Session # 2  
 3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Love Token Society ( Room 902 )  
 6:00 p.m. Royal Canadian Mint Reception ( Buses at Highfield Door )  
 6:30 p.m.-10:00 p.m. The Mint and Kevin Robart ( Capitol Theatre )  
 10:00 p.m. Buses Return to Hotel

## FRIDAY, JULY 25

8:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m. C.A.N.D. Breakfast ( Executive )  
 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Registration ( Lobby )  
 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Ferguson Foundation Meeting ( Room 902 )  
 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Bourse and Display Open to All





# CATCH THE BIG ONE

1997 CNA CONVENTION  
REGISTRATION FORM  
KEDDY'S BRUNSWICK  
HOTEL, MONCTON, NB  
JULY 23 - JULY 27, 1997

Name ..... CNA #.....  
Address .....  
City ..... Province .....  
Postal Code ..... Telephone (.....) .....

Name of Spouse or Family Member Being Registered .....  
Exhibitors: Please check if you intend to exhibit competitively and have not received your exhibitors kit. (CNA Membership required.).....

PLEASE COMPLETE REGISTRATION FORM AND RETURN  
WITH CHEQUE OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO:

C.N.A. Convention 1997  
P.O. Box 54  
Moncton, NB E1C 8R9

| QUANTITY | ACTIVITY                                       | TOTAL |
|----------|------------------------------------------------|-------|
| -----    | <b>Basic Registration Package at \$20 each</b> | ----- |
| 1        | Bronze Convention Medal                        |       |
| 1        | Souvenir Program                               |       |
| 3        | Days Admission to bourse and exhibits          |       |
| 1        | Royal Canadian Mint Reception & Kevin Robart   |       |
| -----    | <b>Spouses Registration at \$10</b>            | ----- |
| 1        | Ribbon                                         |       |
| 3        | Days Admission to bourse and exhibits          |       |
| 1        | Royal Canadian Mint Reception & Kevin Robart   |       |
| 1        | Spouses Welcome Coffee Party                   |       |
| -----    | <b>Silver Convention Medal at \$35</b>         | ----- |
| -----    | <b>Extra Bronze Convention Medal at \$15</b>   | ----- |

If you are ordering medals and wish them sent by mail after the convention closes, please add \$7 for handling, postage and registration for up to 3 medals. Convention needs will be met first!

## Registration Totals from Page 1

|       |                                                                                               |           |
|-------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| ----- | Spouses Welcome Coffee Party                                                                  | No Charge |
| ----- | Official City Tour                                                                            | No Charge |
| ----- | Seaside Tour (Lunch Extra) \$20                                                               | -----     |
| ----- | Royal Canadian Mint Reception and Kevin                                                       | -----     |
| ----- | Robart Presentation (Includes Transportation)                                                 | No Charge |
| ----- | C.A.N.D. Breakfast (Members Only)                                                             | No Charge |
| ----- | Fundy Tour (Lunch Extra) \$20                                                                 | -----     |
| ----- | C.P.M.S. Luncheon & General Meeting \$20                                                      | -----     |
| ----- | Cocagne Lobster Party (Includes bus transportation, appetizer, lobster, dessert, coffee \$40) | -----     |
| ----- | C.N.A. Club Delegates Breakfast \$12                                                          | -----     |
| ----- | C.N.R.S. Breakfast (Members Only) \$12                                                        | -----     |
| ----- | C.N.A. Banquet / Post Banquet Reception \$33                                                  | -----     |
| ----- | C.A.W.M.C. Breakfast \$12                                                                     | -----     |
| ----- | <b>Total of Two Pages</b>                                                                     | -----     |

Prices include all charges, taxes, gratuities, transportation charges and admissions where indicated. All tours sufficiently pre-booked will proceed although revisions may be made due to bad weather or other unforeseen causes.

## KEDDY'S BRUNSWICK HOTEL ROOM RESERVATIONS

July 23 - July 27, 1997

Single or Double at \$70 plus taxes per night

Please make the following hotel room reservations for me/us. I understand and accept that I am responsible to the Hotel directly for the costs with the room.

I have already made reservations under the following name.

Name ..... CNA # .....  
Single Room (1 bed ..... ) Double Room (2 beds) .....  
Arrival Date ..... Departure Date .....

Reservations will be held until 5 pm unless guaranteed payment for 1 night is received. To guarantee reservations, please supply the following:

Name of Credit Card ..... Expiry Date .....  
Name of Cardholder ..... Card # .....